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PROCEEDINGS.

DECEMBER, 1902.

THE thirty-eighth meeting of the Society was held in Earle Hall, Columbia University, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 30 and 31, 1902. The first session began Tuesday afternoon, at 2.30, President Bacon being in the chair. The records of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer presented his report; the Recording Secretary gave his financial statement; these reports were referred to Dr. Wm. Hayes Ward and Prof. C. F. Kent as auditors.

Professor Gottheil, for the Committee of Arrangements, made a statement regarding the proposed social hour and dinner. Professor Paton reported for the Publishing Committee, and the report was accepted. The Recording Secretary's annual report was read and accepted.

Professor Bacon then delivered the Presidential address. The subject was: "Ultimate Problems of Biblical Science."

Dr. Ward, from the Auditing Committee, reported that the accounts of the Treasurer and the Recording Secretary were correct and accompanied by the proper vouchers. Professors Moore, Paton, and Francis Brown were appointed a committee to nominate officers.

From 3.40 to 5.30 papers were read and discussed as follows: "An Assyrian Parallel to Dan. 5th," by Prof. J. D. Prince; "The Present State of the Jahweh Problem," by Prof. Morris Jastrow, Jr.; "A Newly Discovered Document of an Old Jewish Sect," by Prof. S. Schechter; "Palestine Exploration," by Dr. J. P. Peters.

Adjourned at 5.30 for dinner and social hour.

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 30. — Met at 8.25, President Bacon in the chair. The Council reported that Prof. L. B. Paton had been re-elected Corresponding Secretary, and Prof. J. H. Ropes and Rev. W. H. Cobb, additional members of the Publishing Committee.

On nomination of the Council, the following active members were elected: —

Prof. Wm. B. Smith,	Tulane University, New Orleans, La.
Prof. Harry L. Reed,	Auburn Theological Seminary, N.Y.
Prof. Louis B. Crane,	Chicago Theological Seminary, Ill.
Rev. Calvin M. Clark,	Haverhill, Mass.
Prof. Charles T. Hock, Ph.D.,	Bloomfield, N.J.

From 8.35 to 10 papers were read and discussed as follows : "Firstlings and Other Sacrifices among Syrians and Arabs," by Prof. S. I. Curtiss ; "The Meaning of Ex. 20⁷," by Prof. L. B. Paton ; "Waw Consecutive with the Perfect in Hebrew," by Prof. George R. Berry. Prof. G. F. Moore presented orally the Report of the American School of Oriental Research in Palestine.

Adjourned at 10.05.

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 31. — The Society reassembled at 9.45, with President Bacon in the chair. On nomination of the Council, the following active members were elected : —

Prof. F. C. Eiselen,	Evanston, Ill.
Prof. Kemper Fullerton,	Cincinnati, O.
Prof. Doremus A. Hayes,	Evanston, Ill.
Rev. Harry R. Miles,	Brattleboro, Vt.
Rev. Carl M. Gates,	Dover, N.J.
Rev. Lester Bradner, Jr.	Providence, R.I.

It was voted that the thanks of the Society be returned to Columbia University for the accommodations furnished to the Society, and the Corresponding Secretary was chosen to convey this expression to the proper officers.

Voted that corrections of proof above ten per cent of the cost of any article for the JOURNAL shall be at the expense of the contributor. The nominating committee reported the following list of officers, who were then unanimously elected to serve for the coming year : —

Prof. Richard J. H. Gottheil,	<i>President.</i>
Prof. Ernest D. Buton,	<i>Vice-President.</i>
Rev. William H. Cobb,	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
Prof. Lewis B. Paton,	<i>Corresponding Secretary.</i>
Prof. Willis J. Beecher,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Prof. George A. Barton,	} <i>Associates in Council.</i>
Prof. Samuel I. Curtiss,	
Dr. Wm. Hayes Ward,	

From 9.55 to 1 papers were read and discussed as follows : "The Stones of Tarshish," by Prof. Paul Haupt ; "The Poetic Form of

the First Psalm," by Prof. Paul Haupt; "The Righteousness of God as understood by St. Paul," by Prof. J. H. Ropes; "The Lord's Prayer; its Form and Interpretation," by Prof. C. W. Votaw; "Synagogal Discipline in the Time of Christ," by Prof. I. J. Peritz; "Notes on the Ephod," by Prof. George F. Moore; "Pre-existence of the Soul in the Book of Wisdom," by Prof. F. C. Porter; "Kohleth's Response to His Time," by Prof. J. F. Genung.

The two following papers (their authors being absent) were read in abstract by the Corresponding Secretary: "The Reconstruction of Psalm 8," by Dr. H. S. Spoer. "The Mosaic recently Found at 'Ain 'Arrûb," by Prof. George A. Barton.

Adjourned at 1 P.M.

WM. H. COBB,

Recording Secretary.

REPORT

OF

FUNDS IN HANDS OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

Receipts.

Balance, last Report	\$145 37
Sales of Journal	316 90
Annual dues of Recording Secretary	3 00
	<hr/> \$465 27 <hr/>

Expenditures.

1902.

Jan. 4, Remittance to Treasurer on bill for printing	\$125 00
Sept. 11, Remittance to Treasurer on bill for printing	68 05
Jan. 13, Berwick & Smith, press-work	76 53
“ 23, Berwick & Smith, press-work	6 68
Aug. 13, Berwick & Smith, press-work	85 72
July 11, Distributing Journal, 1902, part I	17 30
Oct. 22, Carter, Rice & Co., paper and twine	1 95
Dec. 2, Thomas Todd, printing postals	6 50
Postage and expressage for the year	22 47
Balance in Bank of the Republic, Boston	55 07
	<hr/> \$465 27 <hr/>

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE TREASURER OF THE SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE
AND EXEGESIS,
December 25, 1901, to December 27, 1902.

Receipts.

Balance in Bank, Dec. 24, 1901	\$89 54
INCOME:	
Initiation dues	\$45 00
Annual dues	531 00
Journal	1 00
Interest on deposits	4 52
	<hr/> 581 52
Received from Secretary	68 05
Total	<hr/> \$739 11 <hr/>

Disbursements.

Cushing & Co., Journal XX. 2	\$215 30
Cushing & Co., Journal XXI. 1	438 05
Recording Secretary, Expenses	16 00
Corresponding Secretary, Bills and Expenses	17 80
Expenses of Treasurer:	
Postage	\$5 95
Collections	3 80
	<hr/> 9 75
Balance in Bank, Dec. 27, 1902	42 21
Total	<hr/> \$739 11 <hr/>

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS J. BEECHER, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct, and accompanied by the proper
vouchers.

WILLIAM HAYES WARD } *Auditors.*
CHARLES F. KENT }